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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe  
Director of Public Works

### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU EMERGENCY INSTALLATION OF A 20,000-GALLON STEEL WATER TANK AT THE UPPER BUSCH TANK SITE**

On October 12, 2004, a field crew noticed that the 100,000-gallon steel water tank at Upper Busch in Malibu was tilting. A subsequent investigation of the tank site by Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division confirmed that the tank was leaning and recommended that it should only be operated at half of its capacity.

We operated the tank at half capacity for eight months. However, throughout that period, the potential for the tank failure continued to be of concern.

On June 19, 2005, W. A. Rasic Construction Company was called to assist District staff to transport a 20,000-gallon steel water tank from Lancaster and install it in a stable area near the existing tank until a permanent replacement tank is installed. The work was completed on July 19, 2005, at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

W. A. Rasic Construction Company is one of five as-needed, on-call emergency contractors, with a contract approved by your Board on December 1, 2003. We committed to reporting to your Board all emergency repairs carried out under these contracts.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office